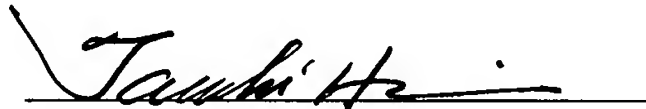


REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 12 and 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Doi (2001/0014911). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doi. Claims 8-11, 13, 14 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doi in view of Angles.

The present application was a PCT application, PCT/JP01/05709, filed on July 2, 2001, which claims priority to Japanese application No. 2000-199667 filed June 30, 2000. On the other hand, Doi has the filing date of January 5, 2001. Thus, Japanese application No. 2000-199667 was filed before the filing date of Doi. Applicants herewith file a certified translation of the priority document to perfect the priority. Accordingly, Doi does not qualify as prior art against the present application.

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